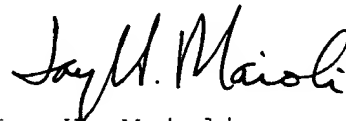## REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain in the application with claim 1-3, 5, 6, and 8 having been amended hereby.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A software program providing system in which a predetermined limitation can be established for its access, thus allowing [charge] the charging of a fee corresponding to the amount of access to the software program. By using a software program storage medium storing an individual identification code along with the provided software program, a service provider managing a supplemental pay function of the software program uses such individual identification code as a search key for storing a user's individual information, information on software access limitation range, and information on the condition of access to the software program. By doing so, the individual identification code can be read out [form] from the software program storage medium installed in a user terminal and then, based on such information on the range of access limitation and information on the condition of access to the software program, the user terminal is authorized to access the software program.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A software program providing system for providing and managing access to a software program, comprising:

a storage medium for storing said software program and an individual identification code;

a user terminal [capable of] for installing said storage medium and for accessing said software program;

[a] database management means for storing [a user's] individual information of a user, information regarding a range of access limitation to said software program, and information regarding a condition of access to said software program, based on said individual identification code as a search key; and

[an] information communication means for connecting said database management means with said user terminal[;], wherein

said software program providing system authorizes said [use] user terminal to access said software program[,] based on said information regarding said range of access limitation

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and said information regarding said condition of access to said software program[,] and said information searched by said individual identification code as a search key, said database management means reading said individual identification code from said storage medium installed in said user terminal, through said information communication means.

--2. (Amended) The software program providing system according to claim 1, wherein said database management means further comprises [a] fee charging means for charging a fee according to said condition of access to said software program.

--3. (Amended) The software program providing system according to claim 1, wherein said information communication means further comprises [a] ciphering means for ciphering communication between said database and said user terminal.

--5. (Amended) A software program providing method for providing and managing access to a software program, comprising the following steps of:

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storing said software program along with an individual identification code;

storing into a database, information regarding [a user's] individual information <u>of a user</u>, information regarding a range of access limitation to said software program, and information regarding <u>a</u> condition of access to said software program;

communicating between a user terminal [capable of installing] <u>having</u> said storage medium <u>installed thereon</u> and a database management means managing said database,

wherein said communicating is done when said user accesses said software program stored in said storage medium; <u>and</u>

authorizing said user terminal to access said software program, [if] <u>when</u> said access is limited to a range of access limitation, based on said information regarding said range of access limitation to said software program and said information regarding said access condition to said software program, <u>and</u> said information searched from said database based on said individual identification code, wherein said individual identification code is read out from said storage means.

--6. (Amended) The software program providing method according to claim 5; wherein

said process of providing authorization for accessing said software program further comprises the step of charging a fee according to said condition of access to said software program.

--8. (Amended) A software program providing system for managing access to a software program, comprising:

[a] database management means for storing [a user's] individual information of a user, information regarding a range of access limitation to said software program, and information regarding a condition of access to said software program, based on an individual identification code as a search key[;], wherein

said software program providing system authorizes a user terminal to access said software program, based on said information regarding said range of access limitation and said information regarding said condition of access to said software program, and said information searched by said individual identification code as a search key.

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